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SUBJ: US-JAPAN PRE-29TH GA BILATERLS

SUMMARY:JAPANESE MISSION IN INSTRUCTIONS HAS PROPOSED THAT ANNUAL UN BILATERALS BE HELD SEPTEMBER 12 - 13 IN NEW YORK. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE IN OUR PROPOSING EARLIER DATE. END SUMMARY.

1. JAPANESE HAVE PROPOSED THAT ANNUAL UN BILATERALS BE HELD SEPTEMBER 12 (FULL DAY) AND SEPTEMBER 13 (HALF DAY). PROPOSAL COMES NOW FOLLOWING PRESENCE HERE DURING SPECIAL SESSION OF MURAKAMI, HEAD OF UN BUREAU'S POLITICAL DIVISION. WHILE MURAKAMI WAS IN NEW YORK, JAPANESE PROPOSED BILATERALS BE HELD AUGUST 19-20 (FOLLOWING JULY CABINET CHANGES AND AFTER SUMMER ECOSOC), BUT AFTER MURAKAMI RETURNED TO TOKYO, JAPANESE MISSION HERE RECEIVED NEW INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK SEPTEMBER 12-13 DATES. GAIMUSHO PROVIDED NO EXPLANATION.

2. WE HAVE INFORMALLY SUGGESTED TO JAPANESE HERE THAT SEPT 12-13, SINCE LESS THAN WEEK BEFORE GA OPENS, WOULD CONFLICT WITH INTENSIVE FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR GA AND THUS REDUCE OUR ABILITY TO GIVE BILATERALS ATTENTION OUR RELATIONS DESERVE. WE AGREED, HOWEVER, TO CONSIDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JAPANESE PROPOSAL FURTHER. HAVING NOW DONE SO, WE BELIEVE

WE SHOULD COUNTER-PROPOSE CONSULTATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 5-6
OR DATES IN LAST WEEK OF AUGUST, PERHAPS AUGUST 26-27.
ON BALANCE, WE ARE INCLINED TO FAVOR POST-LABOR DAY DATES.

3. PRINCIPAL JAPANESE PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE PERM REP SAITO,
UN BUREAU DIR GEN SUZUKI, ECONOMIC DIVISION HEAD TANIGUCHI,
AS WELL AS MURAKAMI. IN RESPONDING TO JAPANESE, IT WOULD BE
HELPFUL TO PROVIDE NAMES OF PROBABLE PARTICIPANTS FROM DE-
PARTMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT TO OUR COUNTER
PROPOSING SEPTEMBER 5-6; (B) NAMES OF PROBABLE PARTICIPANTS
FROM DEPARTMENT.

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